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Subject: RE: SB 150 Library Guidance
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To: Wade, Stephanie- Curriculum & Innovation Director stephanie.wade@boyle.kyschools.us
Cc: Karsner, Steve steve.karsner@boyle.kyschools.us



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Subject: Fwd: SB 150 Library Guidance
Date: October 18, 2023 at 2:46 PM
To: Mark Wade mark.wade@boyle.kyschools.us, Susan Taylor susan.taylor@boyle.kyschools.us



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From: Jess Clark jclark@lpm.org
Subject: media inquiry
Date: October 19, 2023 at 8:39 AM
To: susan.taylor@boyle.kyschools.us



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Subject: Re: media inquiry
Date: October 19, 2023 at 9:16 AM
To: Jess Clark jclark@lpm.org



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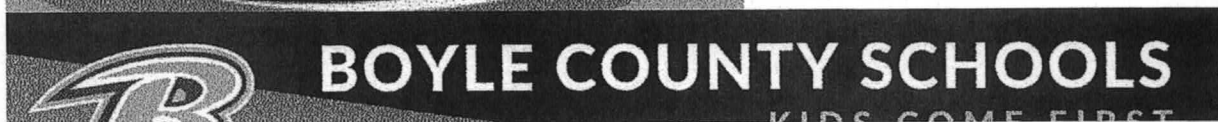
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Subject: Boyle Co Statement
Date: October 19, 2023 at 3:58 PM
To: WKYT - News news@wkyt.com



Here is the requested statement from Boyle County on SB 150.
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From: Matthew Whitlock matthew.whitlock@boyle.kyschools.us
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Subject: Boyle County Statement (SB 150)
Date: October 20, 2023 at 12:17 PM
To: rcohen@wtvq.com



Hello Ms. Cohen,
Attached is the press release we discussed.
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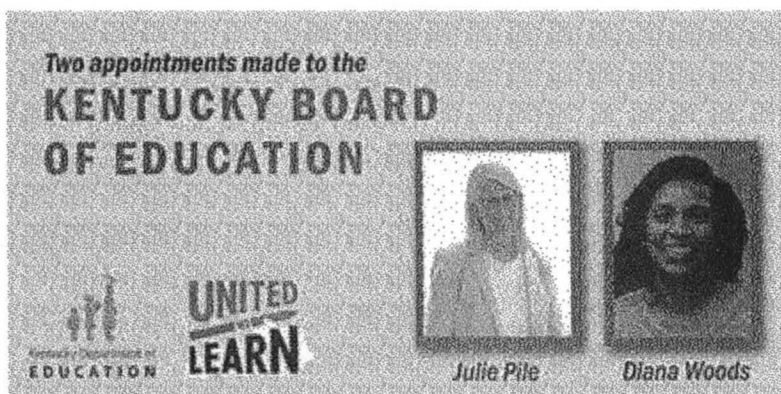




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Gov. Beshear appoints two new members to the Kentucky Board of Education

Gov. Andy Beshear appointed Julie Pile and Diana Woods to the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) on May 30.

Pile, of Florence, will serve as an at-large member. She replaces Alvis Johnson, whose term has expired. Pile's term will expire April 14, 2026.

Pile's dedication to K-12 education began more than 13 years ago when her daughter's parent-teacher association (PTA) needed help with its website.

Now a well-known family advocate both locally and

Columns



Congratulations to the Class of 2023

May is always one of the busiest times of the year in education, as we wind up another school year and celebrate another class of seniors. This month, I wanted to write a column aimed at this year's graduating class.

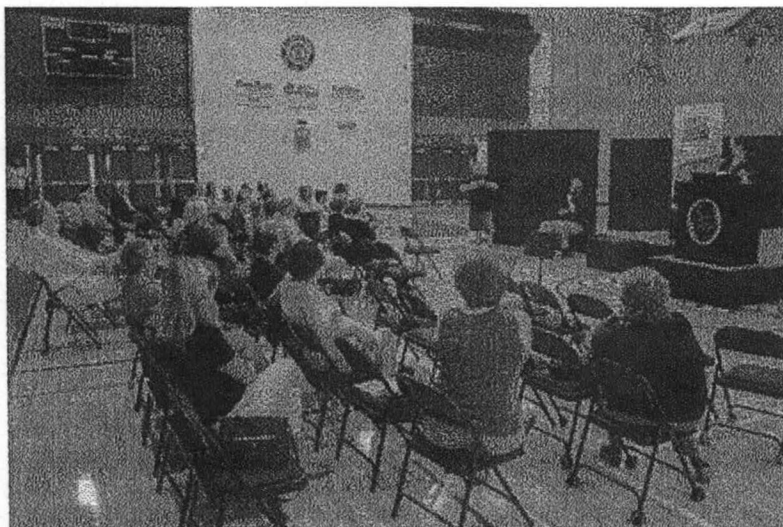
Greetings, Class of 2023! Let me first say congratulations. I know that some of your high school experience was spent in the shadow of the COVID

nationally, Pile has served in various volunteer and leadership positions with schools in northern Kentucky, including as local PTA president. She currently serves as the co-founder and president of ParentCamp, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to family-school engagement. In addition, she is a member of the [Kentucky United We Learn Council](#).

Woods, of Lexington, is a retired superintendent. She also will serve as an at-large representative. She replaces Claire Batt, whose term has expired. Woods' term will expire April 14, 2026.

Woods is a native of Harrison County and a lifelong educator. She was a teacher, principal and director of middle schools in Fayette County, and then became superintendent of Campbellsville Independent. In retirement, she has worked as a consultant with the Kentucky Center for School Safety and is a clinical educator at Georgetown College.

[Read more on Kentucky Teacher.](#)



KDE receives community input on principal search at Kentucky School for the Deaf

Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) supporters got the chance to express their opinions on the search for a new principal during a series of forums in May.

in the shadow of the COVID pandemic. And you have also worked very hard to recover from that experience and graduate in spite of it. While all of this helped you develop a sense of independence beyond your years, I know it was not easy, yet you persisted.

As you enter the next chapter of your life, remember the invaluable lessons you have learned throughout your school career. Cherish the memories, the friendships and the experiences that have shaped you into the remarkable individuals you are today.

High school has provided a solid foundation, equipping you with knowledge, critical thinking skills and a thirst for learning. Embrace this foundation and let it be a springboard for all your future endeavors, whether you pursue higher education, enter the workforce or embark on a different path altogether.

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2023 Kentucky Teacher of the Year: Eminence Independent, the land

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More than 100 people participated in the two forums.

Among the priorities for a new principal, several Deaf and Hard of Hearing community members expressed a desire to have a principal that is fluent in American Sign Language.

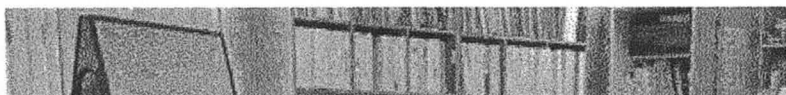
“I think the challenge will be if they don’t sign, the faculty, staff and students are going to be guided by someone who can’t communicate with us,” said former KSD student Bethany Yance, who also stressed the importance of having a Deaf role model as principal. “We can do what anyone else can do, we can be what anyone else can be, and it’s important to lead by example.”

Former KSD student Jason Smith said he wants someone who is already embedded in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing education community so KSD can stay up to date.

“I value and cherish this school and the Deaf community so much. This is our place. This is our home,” said Smith. “We need someone who knows how to run a school for the Deaf and is part of our community.”

Current KSD Principal Toyah Robey is retiring on June 30 after six years with the school.

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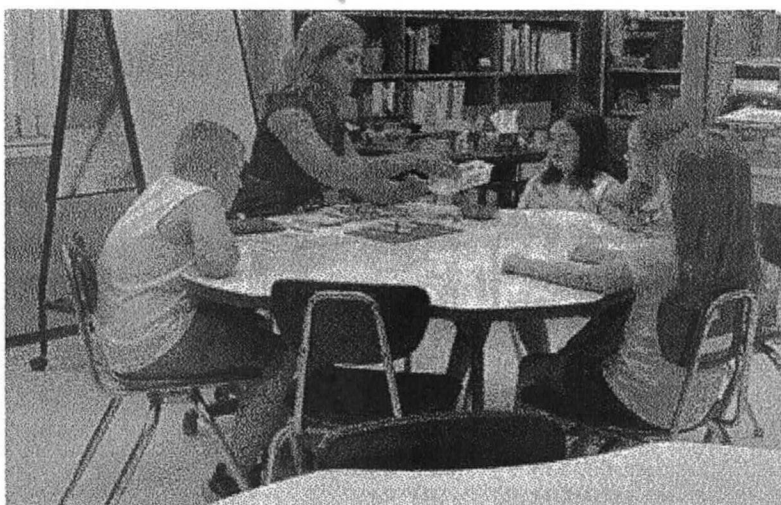
of learning, creation and innovation

As the 2023 Kentucky Teacher of the Year, I was interested in the idea of evolving traditional libraries into innovative campus hubs for schools. Little did I know that several Kentucky schools already have this idea in place, including one school that was brought to my attention on more than one occasion. I was soon on my way to visit the Eminence Independent School District.

While the intention of my visit was to look at how this school transformed its library space, the school also captured my attention by how it had reimaged education. I cannot describe for you the sheer amount of joy I saw that day on students’ faces.

I was immediately taken back by a book vending machine and arcade machine in the school’s front office. Then, while waiting to meet Eminence Independent Superintendent Buddy Berry, I was in awe of everything happening in the EDhub center. I watched a class collaborating on what appeared to be robotic sets, attempting to connect all their individual pieces together into one large formation. They were intentional and focused.

Berry approached me, noticed my gaze, leaned in



ESSER-funded math intervention program makes learning fun for Whitley County elementary students

Math intervention might not seem like much fun for a 2nd-grader, but an innovative approach in Whitley County has students eager to attend class.

It was toward the end of the school day during the last week of school in mid-May when four 2nd-graders at Oak Grove Elementary School knocked on Keisha Wyatt's classroom door. The students had been attending the small-group math intervention class each day throughout the school year, and even though they had just been playing outside, they were happy to go back into the classroom.

Wyatt, the school's math interventionist, was prepared. A Monopoly-inspired math game was on the table, and each of the students picked a different, colorful board game piece. The game's objective was to get the students comfortable with numbers by adding and subtracting popsicle sticks, which represented the "money" in the game. Each square they landed on had different problems they had to solve.

"Putting [math] in a game setting changes everything," said Wyatt. "The kids love to come. They are boisterous with their answers and vocal, and I love that. I am trying my best to instill the love of math in each

and said, "Would you believe that they take the state test tomorrow and they don't even know it yet?" I looked over at him, a bit surprised, and replied, "There's positivity in that, sir. At least they won't be stressed." We both laughed. His next statement was powerful. He said, "We are not creating test takers here. We are creating future leaders and bosses."

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News



KBE SPOTLIGHT | Family engagement advocate Julie Pile joins the Kentucky Board of Education

When Julie Pile's daughter Sophia entered kindergarten, Pile wanted to be involved. Sophia's elementary school parent-teacher association was looking for help with its website and Pile knew she could lend her talents. That decision to help with the website has led to more than 13 years of family engagement advocacy.

student, while also teaching them different skills they will need to be successful in life.”

Eden Freeman, 7, said she looks forward to coming to Wyatt’s classroom.

“It’s fun and it helps me be better in math,” she said.

The help for these students came from Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act. The money supports the safe and sustained return to in-person learning and expands equity by supporting students who need it, particularly those most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Whitley County Superintendent John Siler said officials have been using the federal relief money in a variety of ways to benefit the district’s 4,000 students, where roughly 70% qualify for free and reduced-price meals.

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KDE uses ESSER funds to award scholarships to 306 students with disabilities in 2023

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) Office of Special Education and Early Learning used \$765,000 in

On May 30, Gov. Andy Beshear announced Pile as one of the newest members of the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE).

“It is an honor to be asked to be on the board,” said Pile. “I’ve had experience on the local level and a lot of what we do on the local level is promulgated by the state level, so to be able to have a parent voice input at the state level is really important.”

Pile has served in various volunteer and leadership positions with schools in northern Kentucky, including as local PTA president. She was a member of the Boone County Board of Education from January 2019 to December 2022 and served as the board’s chair in 2022.

As one of the newest KBE members, Pile wants to lead with a spirit of cooperation and transparency. To her, education is the gateway for every child and adult to teach their hopes and dreams.

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More news

KDE Commissioner’s Student Advisory Council begins discussing student voice project for 2023-24 year

Special Education and Early Learning used \$765,000 in federal funding to award scholarships to 306 graduating Kentucky high school seniors with disabilities.

The KDE Powered by Inclusion scholarship was made possible with Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding from the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act. The federal funding supports the safe and sustained return to in-person learning and expands equity by supporting students who need it most, particularly those most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

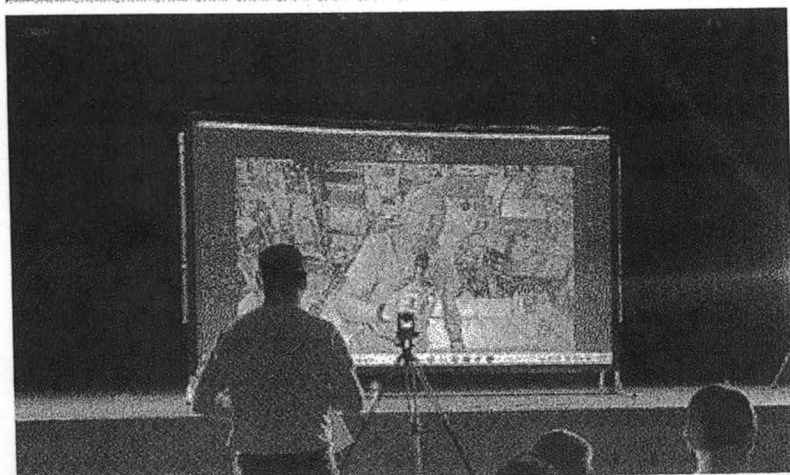
TaMyah Jones was one of the students from 116 school districts to receive a \$2,500 scholarship. She became vision impaired when she developed bilateral optic atrophy from a brain tumor when she was 6 years old.

Despite these challenges, being enrolled at the Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) made it, "a little bit easier."

"All of these steps have helped to get me to the point where I am now," Jones said.

Because of her resilience, Jones' guidance counselor nominated her for the Powered by Inclusion scholarship program. She is one of two recipients from KSB to receive the scholarship this year.

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KDE asks School Counselors Advisory Council to provide feedback for SB 150 guidance document

Local Superintendents Advisory Council discusses next steps with Kentucky school accountability system

In case you missed it

KDE offering new sponsorship opportunities for Kentucky Teacher of the Year Program

Summer Conferences

Registration open for 2023 National Teacher Leadership Conference in Louisville this July

Registration is now open for the Kentucky History Education Conference

Register to attend the 2023 Persistence to Graduation Summit

Kentucky Center for School Safety hosts conference in June

KET to host summer professional development event for educators

Registration opens for KASA Annual Leadership Institute



Bell County astronaut John Shoffner chats with Middlesboro Independent students from International Space Station

Middlesboro Independent School students had an astronomical opportunity on May 26 when astronaut John Shoffner talked with students via video call from the International Space Station (ISS).

Shoffner, a Bell County native, is a well-achieved business leader, racecar driver and more. He is currently serving as the pilot for Axiom Space's Ax-2 mission to the ISS on the SpaceX Dragon.

It's a role Shoffner said he has prepared his whole life to fulfill and he wanted to include students as part of this opportunity.

"Including Middlesboro in my journey to the ISS was an automatic requirement of mine," he said. "My role as an astronaut should be used to inspire a higher level of achievement for students."

While seated in the Central Arts Auditorium for their discussion, students' curiosities resulted in numerous questions. They asked about his daily tasks, sneezing and food quality in space and more.

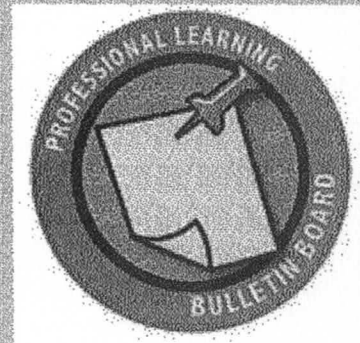
Jackson Womack, a rising 6th grader, asked if he got homesick. Shoffner said no because he brought Middlesboro along with him in many ways.

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From: Claire O'Quin ctoquin@gmail.com
Subject: Concerns over book removal in Boyle County Schools
Date: August 15, 2023 at 6:14 AM
To: stephen.tamme@boyle.kyschools.us



Dear Mr. Tamme,

I am writing to you because as a parent with a child in the school district, I was extremely disappointed to hear that Boyle County Schools has made the decision to remove books from school libraries in response to SB 150. While I understand the difficult position that school districts have been put in as a result of this bill being passed, there is nothing in the law, nor has there been a directive from the Kentucky Department of Education that requires districts to take such extreme measures. It is upsetting to me to think my child is attending school in a district that thinks book banning is appropriate. I am asking that the school board reconsider this action.

Thank you,
Claire O'Quin

From: MB Touchstone mbtouchstone@gmail.com
Subject: Reading is Essential
Date: August 15, 2023 at 12:54 PM
To: stephen.tamme@boyle.kyschools.us



Mr. Tamme,

Thank you so much for serving on Boyle County's Board of Education. I appreciate that in this day and age, the post can be challenging. I can also appreciate how difficult it must be for any board member to be asked to adopt policies that will be harmful to some students. As the parent of a transgendered adult and an active member of this community, I must ask that you keep our marginalized children in mind as you implement policies particularly regarding access to school and classroom libraries.

Since SB 150 does not call for removal of library books, I implore you not to do so. Just say "no". I am the mother of 3 and grandmother of 5; I know it is very difficult to get some children to read. I believe reading is the gateway to learning and we just don't know which book will trigger a lifelong love of reading for a child. Will it be the picture book depicting a child with 2 mommies or a book about the world's greatest sculptures? Let's not limit opportunities for our children to learn.

I am so proud of the quality of education that has been provided by the Boyle County schools. Let's not falter now. Please reconsider your decision to decommission books in our schools.

Warmest regards,
Mary Beth Touchstone

From: Lois Quilligan lois.quilligan@gmail.com
Subject: Book Removal
Date: August 15, 2023 at 3:01 PM
To: stephen.tamme@boyle.kyschools.us



Dear Boyle County School Board Member,

I'm a Boyle County resident and my children graduated from Boyle County High School. I've watched with interest in the last decade as the school district has become one of the best school systems in the Commonwealth. Boyle County Schools have earned respect and prestige for educational gains, sports successes, and arts accomplishments. We are the district everyone else looks up to.

Knowing how hard you have worked to attain this success I was taken aback to learn about the removal of books from the school libraries this summer. That is the antithesis of "best practice," and especially when you have removed all the books on one specific topic. Research shows that good school libraries create student success. Why would you move in the opposite direction?

I filed an Open Records Request and received a printed copy of the books removed. It is my understanding that to remove a book from a school library there must be a complaint, and a review of the book, and a decision made about each book removed. When did this process happen and where are the records?

Please let me know how you met the criteria for removing each book, and why this negative change was taken on behalf of our district. It is not in keeping with the Boyle County Schools reputation for excellence.

Sincerely,

Lois Quilligan

From: Rogers, Lisa A. Lisa.Rogers3@uky.edu
Subject: Concerned
Date: August 15, 2023 at 3:22 PM
To: stephen.tamme@boyle.kyschools.us



Sent from Mail for Windows

Mr. Tamme,

I am very dismayed to hear that our schools have been removing books from the school libraries in response to SB150. I encourage the school board to reconsider this position. We choose to send our child to Boyle County due to the esteemed educational reputation; I felt that the decision to censor or ban reading material will begin a detrimental decline in the ability to provide the level of education Boyle County has built its reputation on.

Respectfully,
Lisa A. Rogers